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Koniver and Simon Praise Delaware Jewish Community For Exceeding Continuing Exodus Campaign Goal



Ellen Koniver

Howard Simon

By DAN WEINTRAUB
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The Delaware Jewish community has completed its Continuing Operation Exodus campaign for United Jewish Appeal (UJA) by exceeding the goal and raising \$870 thousand locally for the rescue and resettlement of Jews from the areas of the former Soviet Union (FSU) and Ethiopian Jews in Israel. Coupled with monies raised for the original Operation

Exodus, the Delaware Jewish Community raised a total of \$1.77 million.

Dr. Garth and Ellen Koniver and Howard and Arlene Simon were chairpersons of this campaign which was organized and run by community members. The campaign began in the Spring of 1992 as part of a world-wide campaign to raise \$917 million. The continuing Operation Exodus Campaign was initiated because of the increase in immigration of Jews from FSU and Ethiopia.

Ellen Koniver praised the Delaware Jewish Community for exceeding its goal. She noted that some other regions did not meet their goal for Continuing Operation Exodus or even the initial Operation Exodus which began in 1990.

Howard Simon explained that although Continuing Operation Exodus was a one-time campaign, its success augurs well for the future of the Delaware Jewish Community.

Monies raised for Continuing Operation Exodus have been used for transportation to Israel, job training and education.



WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delaware's Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, meets with Supreme Court nominee, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Stephen Breyer. Hearings on the nomination could come as early as next month.

Clinton Names A Second Jewish Nominee For High Court

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — Judge Stephen Breyer, President Clinton's nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court, might not end up fulfilling what traditionally has been thought of as a "Jewish liberal's role" on the bench.

But the nomination, if confirmed by the Senate, will likely be good for Jewish interests, say legal experts and those who know the highly respected judge.

Breyer, 55, who currently serves on the 1st Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston, was selected by Clinton last Friday evening to replace retiring Justice Harry Blackmun.

It is unlikely that Breyer will carry on the legacy of Blackmun, who is currently the high court's most liberal justice, Professor Morton Horowitz, a former colleague of Breyer's at Harvard Law School, told *The New York Times*.

But Breyer's brilliance and his knack for building consensus rather than dissent will outweigh any such unfulfilled expectations, legal scholars say.

And Breyer could be expected to "look in a liberal direction" said his colleague and friend of 32 years, Harvard Law School Professor Alan Dershowitz.

Both Dershowitz and Breyer clerked for another Jewish justice, Arthur Goldberg.

If confirmed, Breyer would become the second Jewish justice on the nine-member bench, and the second appointed by Clinton, following his selection last year of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

And Breyer is Jewish in more than name only. He does participate in Jewish religious life, Dershowitz said Sunday.

"I know that he has come to ADL dinners," said Dershowitz, recalling Breyer's attendance at an Anti-Defamation League dinner where Dershowitz was honored several years ago.

"I know he does a seder," Dershowitz said. And "he has been to our break fast" after Yom Kippur. "He comes and he identifies with Jew-

ish activities. I have seen him at Harvard Hillel services on Yom Kippur," he added.

Dershowitz, a colleague of Breyer's at Harvard Law School who has also argued cases before him, strenuously opposes having a so-called "Jewish seat" on the high court. But he believes nevertheless Breyer will be "good for the Jews."

"Steve shares, I think, many Jewish concerns for justice and liberty," Dershowitz said. "He is not going to rule theologically as a Jew. But his upbringing surely is relevant."

Breyer was born and raised in San Francisco, attended Lowell High School there and got an A.B. degree from Stanford University and a B.A. from Oxford University in England, where he was a Marshall scholar. He returned to this country and received his LLB from Harvard.

He is married to a British woman, Joanna Hare, a non-Jew and daughter of a former Tory parliamentarian, Lord John Blankenham. Hare is a clinical psychologist at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. The couple have two daughters and a son.

Despite being intermarried, Breyer remains tied to his Jewish roots, Dershowitz said. In fact, he remarked, Breyer could be even more pro-Jewish than Ginsburg.

"The one thing that distinguishes him from Ginsburg," said Dershowitz, "is I believe she bends over backward to show that she is fair, not biased in favor of Jews, as in the (Jonathan) Pollard case.

"I think Steve would have come out the other way on the Pollard case," said Dershowitz.

Ginsburg was one of a panel of three appeals court justices that rejected Pollard's contention that the government had violated a plea bargain by seeking a life prison sentence.

He said that although Breyer is "not coming to the court as a liberal, he is coming to the court as a centrist, and I think he will look in a liberal direction."

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Powell Lauds Howard Policy On Speech But Attacks Hatred

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Retired four-star Army General Colin Powell has praised Howard University for upholding free speech but urged students not to tolerate "any movement or philosophy" spewing hatred for Jews or others.

"Sort out wisdom from foolishness," the former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in approving Howard "permitting the widest range of views, however controversial or outrageous."

Speaking of African-American history, Powell said May 16 at the predominantly black university's commencement exercises "We as a people who have suffered so much from the hatred of others should not now show tolerance for any movement or philosophy that has as its core the hatred of Jews or hatred of any other group."

Powell did not refer to anti-Semitic, anti-white speech in February by Khalid Abdul Muhammad, then Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan's chief aide, or that of the leader of a student group, Unity Nation, Malik Zulu Shabazz, a law school student. Their remarks caused a storm of protest and school officials and faculty members criticized their remarks

but indicated free speech would prevail and student units could continue to use campus facilities for speakers of their liking.

David Friedman, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, noting that recent events do not represent the essence of Howard, said "the general's speech seem to echo this."

Jeffrey Weintraub, Washington area director of the American Jewish Committee, said he was "very pleased to hear what Colin Powell had to say." Weintraub added that while the most reprehensible viewpoints "should be allowed" others have the "responsibility to put those comments in proper perspective."

One Half Century Later JWV Remembers

The Jewish War Veterans, Department of Delaware, will hold their annual Remembrance Day on D Day plus Half a Century, H Hour plus Three and a Half. On June 6th, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. The sacrifices of tens of thousands of U.S. servicemen will be recalled at the Veteran's section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Faulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware. In Normandy on D Day in 1944, H Hour was at 6:30 a.m., and the J.W.V. remembrance service will begin at H plus Three and a Half or 10:00 a.m. The service will be conducted by Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin of Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth.



Rabbi David Wortman
at AEA meeting
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Ramon Wins Histadrut Elections, Bests Labor Slate

WASHINGTON (PNR) — For the first time in 73 years the giant Histadrut trade union organization has been taken away from the Labor Party and the man who did it is Chaim Ramon who quit Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's cabinet as health minister to do the job and humiliated the Old Guard leadership in the process.

The charismatic head of the "Group of Eight" young progressive Labor politicians, Ramon, at 44 and a lawyer is "now the man to watch" and is heir-apparent to Rabin as prime minister. The Financial Times of London said in observing that he has caused "a political earthquake."

Perceiving unpopularity with Histadrut regulations on health care, Ramon tried to push through a health bill aimed at breaking the link between compulsory Histadrut membership and the health service. When his bill was rejected by the Rabin-led Knesset majority, he left the Cabinet and organized a list of candidates under the banner "New Life for the Histadrut" with himself at its head.

FLA Holocaust Education Bill Brings Topic Into Public School Curriculum

By MARSHA FISCHER
South Florida Jewish Tribune

MIAMI BEACH (JTA) — Last month Governor Lawton Chiles signed a bill making Holocaust education part of the Florida public school curriculum.

The governor called the passage of the Holocaust Education Bill a "victory of education over tyranny."

He said it was crucial that "we always remember one of the darkest stains on the fabric of humanity."

With the passage of this bill into law, Florida joins California, New Jersey, Illinois and Washington in requiring Holocaust education as part of the public school curriculum.

A Greater Breast Cancer Rate for Jewish Women ?

NEW YORK — Several epidemiological studies state that Jewish women have a significantly higher risk of breast cancer, but to date no one has analyzed what this statistic really means. Are Jewish women really at greater risk than other women because of genetic factors, or are there other variables at work, including environmental ones? asks the current (Spring) issue of LILITH magazine.

LILITH, an independent magazine, was founded in 1976 to achieve recognition for Jewish women and to provide a forum for the issues that concern them.

The current issue of LILITH is available for \$5.00 from the magazine's New York office. Subscriptions to the quarterly are \$16 a year from LILITH, 250 West 57th Street, #2432, New York, NY 10107.

Israel Warns PLO On Violating Accord But Remains Optimistic On Autonomy

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The warning was delivered, in solemn tones and with the full weight of the government's authority, by the minister of police, Moshe Shahal.

If the Palestine Liberation Organization were to create a "material breach" of its agreement with Israel, that breach "would not remain unilateral," Shāhal told the Knesset on Monday. "The situation would return to what it was before."

The warning, with its implied threat of a complete curtailment of any further negotiations with the PLO, came after a tape-recording was released last week of a speech delivered by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in a mosque in Johannesburg on May 11.

In that speech, Arafat called on his audience of devoted Muslims to continue the "jihad" for Jerusalem.

Arafat also claimed he had been given a secret letter by Israel affirming that Jerusalem would be an issue for negotiation in the permanent-status talks.

Subsequently, the PLO leader and his aides sought to undo the damage by asserting that "jihad" had been used in the "spiritual not warlike" sense, although the Arabic word is generally rendered in English as "holy war."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the explanation was unconvincing. But, grudgingly, he accepted it.

Hardly was that episode over when another, even more damaging segment of the same tape was released in Jerusalem on Sunday.

In that portion of the taped Johannesburg speech, Arafat compared his agreement with Israel to the agreement concluded by the Prophet Mohammad with the Koreish tribe in the year 628.

That agreement was abrogated by Mohammad two years after it was signed.

Again, Arafat's propaganda machine swung into action, seeking to persuade a perplexed and by-now-furious Israeli public that Mohammad had reneged only because the

Koreish reneged first.

This theological-cum-historical discussion might have been conducted with more patience, and perhaps more credence, on the Israeli side had it not flared up just two days after the killing, by Islamic Jihad terrorists, of two Israeli soldiers manning a checkpoint in the Gaza Strip.

It was precisely this sort of tragedy that the withdrawal from Gaza was supposed to prevent. Indeed, that was the logic that had led the large majority of the Israeli public to support the pullout in the first place.

It was also precisely this sort of tragedy that Israelis feared most with regard to the nascent Palestinian autonomy that has begun to take shape in Gaza and Jericho this month.

On the settler-Palestinian front, meanwhile, there have been charges and counter-charges regarding alleged provocations at the ancient synagogue in Jericho. And there are persistent reports of Gazan youths hurling verbal abuse across the barbed-wire fences that surround the Jewish settlements in the Strip.

During his Knesset speech on Monday, Shahal, a lawyer, used the carefully veiled, yet precise, language of lawyers.

The PLO, for its part, is purporting to speak in the same considered tone. There were clear signs by midweek that the PLO leadership in Tunis was troubled by, and finally responding to, the wave of anger and bitterness that has swept Israel in the wake of the recent setbacks.

But in the meantime, Rabin and his ministers are in a bind.

Until now, when embarrassed by bursts of old-style, hostile rhetoric from the PLO side, they have frequently replied that the "real test" will come with the actual implementation of the accord.

But now the "real test" has begun, and it has gotten off to a not-altogether encouraging start.

The PLO police plainly have not yet taken a proper grip on Gaza and Jericho, the two areas now under their control. One of those areas,

Gaza, is teeming with more than three-quarters of a million people and has acute social and economic problems.

The PLO civilian administration has likewise not yet reached its full complement. Nor has Arafat completed his appointments to the Palestinian Authority, the 24-member governing council.

Ready cash, moreover, is scarce. Nabil Sha'ath, the PLO's top negotiator during the Cairo negotiations leading up to the implementation accord, crossed into Gaza last weekend with a much needed \$5 million shot-in-the-arm for the nascent Palestinian police force.

But that is only "first aid" when compared to the needs of the dawning Palestinian autonomy.

Promises and pledges of funding from abroad have yet to materialize. And the PLO, moreover, has yet to win the confidence of the prospective donors that it has an efficient and non-corrupt administrative machine in place to disburse the promised assistance.

The ranking PLO police officers, many of them former commanders of the Palestine Liberation Army, have impressed their Israeli counterparts with their businesslike approach and professionalism, and with their evident commitment to make the agreement succeed.

These senior Israeli officials are urging the political echelon to see the full picture and to give the fledgling Palestinian government a grace period in which to prove itself.

By midweek, moreover, strong signals were arriving from the PLO's Tunis headquarters to the effect that Arafat and his key aides will take steps to allay Israeli concerns.

The PLO leader will complete his appointments to the Palestinian Authority this week. And, according to Arafat's Israeli Arab adviser, Dr. Ahmed Tibi, the Palestine National Covenant that reject Israel's right to existence.

A more cynical evaluation of the efforts by Israel and the PLO to put things back on track would doubtless point to an abiding political fact:

Rabin, Peres and Arafat are three men in the same boat. They either float or sink together.

Hence the resilient determination of all three of them to make the agreement work.

NJCRAC Honors Anniversary of Brown v. Board

The following statement was issued last week:

In recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the historic United States Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which declared racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) calls for a recommitment to the principle affirmed by that decision, that all children have a legal right to quality, integrated public education, and for a rededication to the underlying goals of equal rights and opportunity for all people.

The principle enunciated by the court in 1954, that "separate [education] is...inherently unequal," not only ended official sanction for assigning students to segregated schools with inferior facilities, but established that quality education is not possible in a segregated environ-

ment. Changes flowing from that landmark decision set in motion the forces of a nationwide struggle to achieve full school desegregation. The battle continues to this day against persistent cases of de facto segregation complicated by the isolation of ethnic minorities in inner city schools.

As the NJCRAC stated when it welcomed the Supreme Court decision forty years ago, "we regard integrated education and quality education as two sides of the same coin." Racially integrated public schools play a critical role in fostering attitudes and relationships based on mutual respect for difference. Such schools also provide the optimum environment for encouraging creative interchange of ideas and learning and for enabling the development of a healthy sense of personal self-esteem. Integration is therefore essential to quality education and also

to equality of educational opportunity.

The NJCRAC remains committed to working to strengthen a public education system which ensures equal educational opportunity for all, recognizing that what is at stake is the future of democracy's greatest natural resource, our children.

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BRIEFS

Israel Abducts Shi'ite Leader In Hope Of Aiding Airman Arad's Case

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israeli commandos who abducted a Muslim fundamentalist leader in Lebanon on Saturday brought back videos and documents that officials here hope will shed light on the whereabouts of Ron Arad, the long-missing Israeli airman whose case has been taken up by supporters around the world.

Israeli officials were quick to begin interrogating Shi'ite Muslim guerrilla leader Mustafa Dirani about Arad, who was shot down over Lebanon in 1982.

But military leaders say they are not planning to use Dirani, 43, as a bargaining chip for Arad's return.



Israeli Airman Ron Arad, missing since 1986.

Haldeman Diaries Attribute Anti-Semitic Comments To Nixon

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Just-published diaries of H.R. Haldeman, the late president Richard Nixon's chief of staff, reveal new information about Nixon's reputed anti-Semitism.

At one point, Haldeman wrote that Nixon believed in "total Jewish domination of the media."

The question of Nixon's views about Jews has come to the fore in recent weeks following the former president's death last month. The American Jewish community was split over whether Nixon was in fact an anti-Semite.

The book draws from tape recordings and Haldeman's daily diary entries. "There was considerable discussion of the terrible problem arising from the total Jewish domination of the media and agreement that this is something that would have to be dealt with," Haldeman wrote.

And in an entry dated Feb. 26, 1970, Haldeman said that Nixon had "really raged against United States Jews," and had ordered Haldeman "not to let any Jews see him about the Middle East."

The conversation took place in the presence of Nixon's then-national security adviser, Henry Kissinger, who is Jewish.

The diaries also cited several racist remarks by Nixon, including a remark that "the whole problem is really the blacks."

Jewish Born Communist Named To S. African Housing Post

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Joe Slovo, the Lithuanian-born Jew who heads South Africa's Communist Party, has been assigned one of the most crucial roles in the governance of the country that has rid itself of apartheid but faces enormous economic and social problems.

Slovo, now 67, has been appointed by President Nelson Mandela as minister of housing in his cabinet of 97 members and the only white apart from those in the six posts allocated for former President F.W. de Klerk's National Party.

Slovo has never denied his Jewish origins but he has never taken part in Jewish community activities and is characterized as a "non-practicing Jew." Slovo's first wife, Ruth Fierst who was Jewish, was killed seven years ago by a bomb hidden in a parcel delivered to their home.

German Touches Legislation On Extremists, Holocaust Denial

By GIL SEDAN

BONN (JTA) — The lower house of the German parliament has approved legislation that would toughen penalties for violence perpetrated by right-wing extremists.

The legislation, adopted last Friday by the Bundestag, increases the maximum penalty for assaults from three to five years and permits the authorities to jail assailants preventively.

It also would punish those promulgating the so-called "Auschwitz lie" with a sentence of up to three years in prison.

The need for a new bill criminalizing Holocaust denial arose after the Federal Court of Justice ruled in March that under the law at the time, Holocaust denial did not in itself provide sufficient grounds to press charges. The legislation must still be ratified by the Bundesrat, the upper house, representing Germany's 16 federal states.

Lutheran Church Formally Rejects Luther's Anti-Semitic Teachings

By PAMELA DRUCKERMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — the largest branch of the Lutheran church in the United States — has formally rejected the anti-Semitic writings of the movement's founder, Martin Luther.

Though never incorporated into official Lutheran doctrine, Luther's 16th century anti-Jewish diatribes have long been used by right-wing groups eager to give historical and religious justification to their anti-Semitic claims.

In "The Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Jewish Community," issued last month, the movement's Church Council wrote that their members feel a "special burden" because of "catastrophes, including the Holo-

caust of the 20th century, suffered by Jews in places where the Lutheran churches were strongly represented."

"Grieving the complicity of our own tradition within this history of hatred," the declaration continued, "we express our urgent desire to live out our faith in Jesus Christ with love and respect for the Jewish people."

In his 1543 treatise, "On the Jews and Their Lies," Luther described Jews as dishonest heathens, encouraging German civil authorities to confiscate their prayerbooks and burn down their synagogues and homes.

Luther's teachings have long been circulated among the anti-Semitic literature of white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups.

But Lutheran leaders said they were moved to distance themselves

formally from Luther's teachings on Jews because of anti-Semitic statements by Luther featured prominently at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

"We honor Luther, but by no means do we take everything that he says as authoritative," said the Rev. Daniel Martensen, associate director for the department of ecumenical affairs for the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The anti-Semitic portions of Luther's work are generally not studied, even by Lutheran scholars.

Although the statement cannot stop hate groups from appropriating Luther's teachings, Lutheran leaders say they hope the statement will cause a "ripple effect" throughout the Protestant world.

Prof. Jan Karski Made Honorary Israeli

By DOUGLAS BLOOMFIELD

Prof. Jan Karski, the Polish Catholic who brought the free world the first eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust in 1942, was made an honorary citizen of Israel last week for his courage and heroism in trying to arouse public opinion in England and America against the Nazi slaughter of the Jews.

In a ceremony at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, the 80-year-old was recognized for "his lifetime devotion and courage in fighting the evil of the Holocaust." He called it "the proudest, most meaningful day of my life. I, a Pole, an American, a Catholic, became an Israelite."

Ambassador Itamar Rabinovitch called honorary citizenship "the highest honor we can give" and said it recognizes a man who is "the ultimate in righteous among the nations." It is rarely bestowed and this is the first time it has been done in America, according to Avi Granot, the Israeli diplomat who is a friend of Karski and organized the event.

What made Karski's testimony so

valuable was that he twice voluntarily visited the Warsaw Ghetto and met with the Jewish underground leaders, and he went into a concentration camp where, he later testified, "the Germans, in one single day, murdered 5,000 Jews in cold blood."

A courier for the Polish government-in-exile, he escaped Nazi-occupied Poland to deliver his personal report as well as documents from the Jewish underground to world leaders so they would know of the plight of Polish Jewry. He met with Prime Minister Winston Churchill's cabinet and then went to Washington to speak to President Roosevelt and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter.

"I gave them a complete and comprehensive report," Karski told the World Jewish Congress at its Geneva office in August 1943. "They can make no pretense of ignorance of the true state of affairs." He bore witness, he added, "so that at some later date, no one may arise and

claim that the world was unaware of the tragedy of Polish Jewry."

"I saw it all," Karski recalled last week. "The Jews were helpless and abandoned. They had no country of their own. No national army." But the Jews were "not abandoned by all humanity. Thousands of individuals extended their helping hands."

Karski remained in America after the war and has been teaching since then at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He was recognized for his wartime efforts to awaken public opinion to the Nazi atrocities and for his lifetime of work since then educating people about the Holocaust. He has been honored as a "Righteous Among the Nations" by Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Museum, and has written and lectured about the Holocaust.

He also was recently honored by the government of Poland, a country where his name was forbidden during the communist regime, according to Minister Maciej Kozłowski of the Polish Embassy.

Perpetuating A Treasured Heritage

By GRACIELA BERGER

WZPS — In April, some 1,000 people from eight countries attended the First International Encounters on Judeo-Spanish at the Beit Hatefutsoth Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Ramat Aviv.

Bringing together institutions, publications, groups and individuals devoted to the preservation of Judeo-Spanish — the language of the Jews of Spain prior to their expulsion in 1492 — the Encounters established the Judeo-Spanish World Union to decide on the most efficient ways to promote these objectives.

"The Judeo-Spanish language is being forgotten," said conference co-executive secretary and journalist Moshe Shaul, who has a daily, 15 minute program in Ladino at Kol Israel and also publishes the bi-annual magazine "Aki Yerushalaim" ("Here is Jerusalem"). "It is being used less and less by Sephardim to communicate among themselves, because many of them are completely inte-

grated into the societies of the countries they live in."

The Encounters, initiated and organized by Dr. Gad Nassi, President of Morit - Heritage of Turkish Jewry, under the auspices of former Israel President Yitzhak Navon and with the participation of the Spanish Ambassador to Israel Jose Luis Crespa de Vega, aimed to promote direct communication between institutions, publications, groups and individuals devoted to the preservation of Judeo-Spanish. It also hoped to establish a framework for devising strategies for saving the Judeo-Spanish heritage, which would decide on the most efficient ways to promote these objectives. This it did in the form of the Judeo-Spanish World Union.

Judeo-Spanish survived more than 500 years in the communities of the Dispersion, but, according to Navon, "the majority of Ladino speakers were murdered in the Holocaust. Twenty years ago, some 200,000

people still spoke Ladino, "but no research, he pointed out, has been done since. "If we are to protect this heritage, it is first necessary to save its incredible treasure of music, songs, tales, literature and folklore, and to document testimonies. But I am pessimistic. I don't think that Ladino will flourish again on a large scale as a living language."



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EDITORIAL

The Territories And Other Pre-Occupations

Many of us reflexively sense a bias in the wide-spread labeling of the geography that came under the control of the State of Israel after the Six-Day War as "occupied territories." It has been said that in order for a territory to be considered "occupied" it must have previously been part of a sovereign state. The clearly bordered nation-state is a relatively recent Western concept that does not apply neatly in the Middle East. Many Arabs have thought of themselves as one nation notwithstanding such designations as "Saudi Arabians" or "Jordanians." But today widespread credence is given to such appellations, including "Palestinians."

Except for Jordan, there has never been a Palestinian country populated by Arab peoples. The United Nations tried to create a Palestinian Arab state in 1948 but it was rejected by the Arab people. Many Arabs living in the area fled their homes and some were forced out by Israeli forces in their War of Independence. Other Arab countries never fully absorbed these Arab people since their refugee status could be exploited for sympathy around the world. Regardless of their group's label many Arab people living in post-1967 places are unwillingly subject to Israel's authority. It is worth noting that there were also displaced Jews who were forced to leave Egypt, Libya, Morocco and other countries.

What motivates mainstream news organizations to refer to these areas as "occupied territories?" Tibet, a distinctive historical area, is populated by a people with a separate identity also unwillingly ruled by another's authority, and yet it is not called "occupied Tibet." Regions in the United States which historically belonged to Native Americans, or Indian Tribes, are not referred to as, for example, "occupied Oklahoma." Other analogous situations around the world are not called "occupied." The status of all these places are not questioned by their very name.

Why should we care? In the Jewish tradition words have great power. Anti-Semites and enemies of Israel relish portraying her in a poor light. It is true that Israeli conduct has not been perfect in administering authority in these areas over which it has certain historical claims.

It is also true that the often disruptive inhabitants of this disputed geography are not easily governed. For many Jews the term "occupation" is a loaded term. It is focused on a sympathy for the majority Arab population in those places rather than the difficulties faced by the State of Israel in administering authority there. Writer Cynthia Ozick has suggested the term "disputed territories" would be more accurate and less biased.

After acknowledging the legitimacy of Israel's claim to the disputed territories it may be helpful to consider the wisdom of exercising that authority throughout the entire disputed area. Many in our community are optimistic that a concern over this "occupied territories" terminology may soon be a thing of the past. If the pragmatic but difficult process begun with Gaza-Jericho can result in a lasting, secure coexistence, then Israel's enemies will have failed. If the Jewish State is secure in its borders and not responsible for the arduous task of administering authority over an unwilling, and often unruly populace, then the concepts about the relationships between these peoples, this land and the administration of authority there will be transformed.

Realists see the importance of the post-1967 area as an issue of security. A broadly expanded Israel, albeit supported by historical claims, in some ways leaves her less secure. Israeli security may be better served today without the kind of day-to-day Israeli administration in these largely Arab populated areas which have been so difficult for Arabs and Israelis alike.

Chairman Arafat's statements in Johannesburg and the wrinkles in the implementation of Palestinian authority in Gaza and Jericho unfortunately may not be the last disappointments in the quest for coexistence. Such developments give rise to concern for many friends of Israel. If these difficulties can be overcome Israel can continue to look for a practical solution to the disputes in the territories.

Despite the slight felt by widespread use of

the phrase "occupied territories" it would be more productive to focus our energies on supporting a pragmatic solution to the difficult situation which gives rise to the misnomer. Rather than being defensively exercised over writers

who wrong us we can work actively to support Israel's quest to be a light unto the nations.

That's the territory in which we should be occupied.

THE VOICE BOX

"The story of our time is a story of relationships even more than its a story of frontiers."

-Foreign Minister Shimon Peres talking to NBC's Bryant Gumbel on May 24

"We as a people who have suffered so much from the hatred of others must not now show tolerance for any movement or any philosophy that has as its core the hatred of Jews or hatred of any other group."

-Retired Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff speaking at graduation ceremonies at Howard University

"You are free now to dream your biggest dreams. It matters less what you choose than that you now have the power to make the choice."

-Gloria Steinem speaking about Feminism in regard to the generation which is now in its twenties

"I'd be happy to audition him as a cantor."

-Rabbi Jeffrey A. Marx of Shar'arei AM Synagogue in Santa Monica, Ca., after singer Bob Dylan purchased the land where the synagogue is built

"We who bear his name and heritage must with pain acknowledge also Luther's anti-Judaic diatribes and violent recommendations of his later writings against the Jews."

-From a statement by the Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, repudiating Martin Luther's teachings

"The African-American community can learn a lot from the Jewish community. If somebody says something [derogatory] about Israel or Jewish people, there'll be letters, telegrams, demonstrations. African-Americans have to do the same thing, because that stuff works."

-filmmaker Spike Lee as quoted in People magazine

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LETTERS

To Polish Holocaust Survivors

To the Editor:

I am a Holocaust survivor from Poland and a published author of two books concerning the Holocaust. I am currently gathering material for a book I am writing concerning the continued persecution and killing of Jews in Poland by the Polish people after the liberation of Poland in World War II. I am attempting to show the continued widespread killing of Jews was unique to Poland, due to the strong undercurrent of anti-Semitism among the Polish people. I feel that this project is extremely important and will serve as both a testimonial to the persecution and killings that Jews continued to suffer at the hands of the overwhelming number of anti-Semitic Poles even after the liberation and as a counterpoint to the current wave of revisionism portraying the Poles merely as innocent victims of and

unwilling participants in Hitler's campaign of genocide against the Jewish people. I am looking for Holocaust survivors from Poland and their families, as well as Jews who returned to Poland following their release from the Soviet Gulags after World War II and their families, to come forward and bear witness both to the persecution and/or killings that they and their friends, relatives and fellow villagers suffered at the hands of the Polish people after World War II. Anyone with any helpful information should call or write to Norman Salsitz, 9 Craig Road, Springfield, NJ 07081, Telephone: 201-376-7572. Witnesses please come forward; do not let this sad chapter in our history be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Norman Salsitz



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OPINION

Passing On The Faith: 5 Ways To Keep Your Child Jewish

By JOEL LURIE GRISHAVER

Special To The Jewish Voice

The following excerpt is from "40 Things You Can Do to Save The Jewish People" by Joel Lurie Grishaer. He describes the book as "a collection of simple, practical techniques that invite positive, fun, meaningful Jewishness to inhabit larger portions of our unrestricted American lives."

Like almost everyone else I know, I want it both ways. I want to be skinny and I want butter. I want to look like a hunk and I want to sleep in and not go to the gym. I want to lose the gain without the pain! That in essence is the meaning of a bumper sticker I once saw: "How Much Can You Get Away With And Still Go To Heaven?"

I have to deal with the constant balancing of my desire for food and my desire for hunkhood. In the end, I have to try for a compromise — because I can't have it both ways. We are all playing "How Much Can You Get Away With And Still..." That is the essence of living in America. Jewish life here is very much the same.

My book is by a Jew who wants it both ways — written for families who want it both ways, too. If we really wanted to raise Jewish kids — and if that was our only want — we would be much tougher on ourselves and on our kids, but that is not our only want — it is only one strong desire.

The Rabbis of the Talmud also drew on the wisdom of folk practice. In the Talmud, they sometimes used a problem-solving technique called *Tze u'Lomed* — "Go and study." When they couldn't reason out the right ritual practice, they went out and examined the Jewish lives people were actually leading. Sometimes visionary idealism is the best path; sometimes, it is the wisdom of real life. As with many things, it is a question of balance.

IDEA NO. 1:

Start a Jewish Expectations Photo Album

On a recent Sunday I was talking to some students when Hillel said: "I only go to Hebrew High because my parents made me, and to see my friends." This was a real kid named Hillel — not the college program, not the school, not the rabbi who almost froze on the roof and then later stood on one foot. I even know his parents.

A couple days later I spoke to his father, Bill, and told him that I was happy to see that Hillel had outgrown his social autism toward adults — that he had even talked to me. I shared Hillel's message, the archetypal, "I only go to Hebrew High because my parents make me, and to see my friends."

Bill laughed and said, "That's funny, because we've never talked about it. But if he had ever objected, we would have insisted. The interesting thing is that he works hard to see his friends; he's the one who makes all the arrangements to get to USY [United Synagogue Youth] events."

Instantly, I knew that a great lesson was in the making. Listen to the juxtaposition: "because my parents make me" with "we've never talked about it." That was wonderful — Hillel's parents "made him" even though they had "never talked about it."

The best way of making a child fulfill a Jewish obligation is by pre-empting the need to talk about it — to establish so clear an exception that it isn't even worth bringing up.

Next, I began to think about how to gently and effectively set those expectations so they wouldn't feel oppressive.

I remembered a phone conversation with my friend Carol. She said: "Today Rob and I went to vote together; it was his first time. I took a picture of him as he entered the voting booth."

Then I remembered something Carol had told me over a year ago:

"Today was Rob's first day of college. I took

a picture of him before he left home. It was exactly like the picture I took of him 13 years ago when he first went to the Jewish day school. Except he weighed 200 pounds more."

When the spark jumped and Carol's pictures were connected to Bill's successful setting of Hillel's expectations — a plan was born. So here is a gentle, unobtrusive way of setting expectations that your child probably will never dare to question.

1. Buy a photograph album.

2. Take a label-maker, a calligraphy pen, lots of stickers — whatever works for you — and label all the pages before you start to take any pictures. The labels should be the photographs you hope to take as your child grows. There are no rules about what non-Jewish events could be included. In fact, there are no rules about what Jewish events should be included.

3. The trick is not just to actually take the pictures, but to share the book with your child on a regular basis. Every time you add a picture, you should read the whole book together, talking about what it will be like — while you ooze with the pride you expect to feel.

This "Kodak moment" was brought to you courtesy of the photographic opportunities of the Jewish tradition. If you understand Carol's commitment to picture taking, her desire to preserve important moments, you have internalized an important Jewish insight: the *She-he-heyanu* blessing.

The *she-he-heyanu brakhah* is Judaism's way of saving "Kodak moments" in our hearts. Every time you want a picture to save the moment, whether or not you snap the shutter, say this blessing and add it to the album in your heart.

IDEA NO. 2:

Take the Matzah Challenge

My 12th Passover, which fell in sixth grade, was the first time I was ever allowed to take the subway to downtown Boston by myself — actually Burton Rosenthal and I were allowed to go to the movies downtown together. It was Passover, spring vacation, and a couple of days before my 12th birthday. We carried sack lunches and plastic bags full of authorized Passover snacks. I was a dedicated "Reform" Jew but Burton was "seriously Conservative" — two-sets-of-dishes-for-every-day Conservative.

In the morning we saw Joan Crawford in "Straitjacket," the story of the Lizzie Borden ax murders. In the afternoon we saw Alfred Hitchcock's "Charade" — it was Cary Grant cool. We had the best time. We were proud of eating our sack lunches in the Boston Common. We devoured all the snacks in our plastic bags and loved the movies. On the way back to the MTA, we stopped and bought a slice of pizza each, continuing to talk about ax murders and killing people by drowning them in claw-foot bathtubs.

Only when we got off the streetcar and started down Commonwealth Avenue in opposite directions toward our homes did the meaning of the pizza hit me. I shouted down the street to Burton, who was fading into the darkness in the other direction, that the pizza had messed up Passover for both of us — we hung our heads and staggered to our own homes.

Since that day, I've never talked about that moment with anyone. It isn't so much guilt I feel about the moment — but a sense of failure. It wasn't that my parents would punish me. It isn't that I thought that God would hold it against me — it is just one of the two times in my life that I have failed the "Passover Matzah Marathon." It was myself I had let down.

The matzah challenge is good, because it gives you a Jewish accomplishment in your life. It's easy to do with kids — just think of all the charts on which you can paste gold stars. But, the matzah challenge also is good because

if you manage to get through a whole week — going to all the ordinary places you need to go, doing all the things you need to do — and bread, *hametz*, has not crossed your lips, you've proved that ordinary life and being a Jew can go together — that neither has to lose. That's a good annual lesson for you — and a great one for your kids.

IDEA NO. 3:

Become an Inveterate Mezuzah-Kisser

My colleague, Perry London, used to give a wonderful talk in which he presented the mezuzah as the quintessential element in raising children with positive Jewish identities. His explanation goes something like this:

A family hangs a mezuzah on the door. The mezuzah is a public symbol that says that this is a Jewish home.

As parents walk into the house they always stop to kiss the mezuzah. They also make a point of kissing the mezuzah on the doors of their friends' houses.

(Note: For those of you who are not veteran mezuzah kissers — this is the procedure. First, touch your hand to the mezuzah, then bring your hand to your lips and kiss it. This is precisely how we also kiss the Sefer Torah when we parade with it around the synagogue. The idea is that we are bringing its message to our lips.)

Notice that just hanging the mezuzah on the door is not good enough. Yes, it fulfills the mitzvah, the obligation to have one, it fulfills the folk-magic need to have an amulet to protect the family, it fulfills the cultural need to identify your house as a Jewish home — and it fulfills a social obligation by allowing you to have a *Hanukkat ha-Bayit* (mezuzah-hanging party). But for the mezuzah to work its real magic, you have to rub it with your hand, your mind, and your heart. In other words, it is the kiss that activates the mezuzah to do its job.

Soon, Perry points out, your child will imitate your gesture. Mezuzah kissing will be part of the way she comes home every day — mezuzah kissing will be part of the way he visits all his Jewish friends. In this way mezuzot become a whole category of perception.

By the way, it often is fun to make kissing the mezuzah a physical challenge for a child, so that gaining the height and strength to leap and touch it is the Jewish equivalent of an early childhood slam-dunk. Until that happens, being lifted to reach it by a parent is a nice moment of Jewish-flavored physical connection.

The next phase begins when the child begins to ask questions. First he will want to know what the box is called. Later, she probably will ask, "Do we have to kiss it every time we come home?" or "What will happen if we don't kiss it?" The concrete always comes first. Eventually they will ask the parents, "Why are we doing this?"

Then, one of the great teachable moments in your child's Jewish life has opened itself to you.

You get to sit down on the doorstep, or in a comfortable chair, or at the dinner table, or at bedtime, or anywhere that works and feels comfortable, and explain the meaning of the mezuzah.

Next, according to Perry, it's time to go "hands on." It is time to get a new mezuzah, open it up and look at the parchment. It is time to learn the blessing and let your child nail it up on his or her bedroom door.

Never let a rabbi or a more learned Jew hang up your mezuzah for you. Instead, make them teach you how to do it for yourself. Never do it for children, rather give them the resources to do for themselves.

The mezuzah is a perfect example of how Jewish rituals should work. First we do them and grow from doing them. We do them because they work for us. Then, as a way of imitating us, our children will inherit the practice. Slowly the meaning and details of each

ceremony can be revealed and mastered. That is Perry London's lesson and it works just as well for Shabbat candles and kiddush and seders and all of the rest.

IDEA NO. 4:

Take the Secret Pledge

This year I am teaching at the Los Angeles Hebrew High School. I consider it a privilege, especially because I get to teach parents on Sunday mornings as well as kids during the week. It is one of the most elite Jewish educational settings I know. It is a place where kids still go (all the way from seventh or eighth to 12th grade) to a three-day-a-week, 7 1/2-hour, after-school Hebrew program.

This year I learned that many of my parents feel bad about making their kids go to a Hebrew high school after bar or bat mitzvah. These parents were worried that their "doing the right thing" might Jewishly scar their children for life.

Most of the eighth-graders I teach at Hebrew High are there because their parents make them. Most of them kick and scream a little every now and then. But, by ninth grade and thereafter, just about all of our students give up the fight and admit that they like being there — maybe not all of the teaching, but at least being with their friends.

I realized that my students' parents need to learn this secret taught to me by my friend and teacher, Rabbi Larry Kushner. A long time ago he told me this story:

"Once I took a group of families away for a *b'nai mitzvah* retreat. Late on Saturday night we wound up with all the kids off doing their own things somewhere, and all the parents sitting around the fire, drinking wine and talking.

"One of the parents said, 'I don't want it to end. I don't want my kid to drop out of Hebrew School after her bat mitzvah. But,' this parent added, 'I am afraid to be the mean parent — I can't make my daughter continue if everyone else lets their children drop out.'

"Then, everyone else spoke up. One at a time, all of them testified that they, too, wanted their children to continue — and all of them, one at a time, testified that they also were afraid to be the only one to draw a line in the sand. That night we continued to talk. We evolved an idea. That night, all the parents took a solemn oath that they would not be the first to let their kid drop out. It worked. Every year since then, I've told the story and added another year's worth of parents to our secret society."

Every time I think of that story, I start to hum "Alice's Restaurant" — because of the part at the end where Arlo Guthrie suggests that the song could become a movement. He says that if everyone walked into their draft board and sang a chorus — the world would change. I feel the same way about Larry's secret parents' cabal — if we could get every family to join, all the Hebrew High Schools and all the Confirmations would be overflowing. It would be a problem we would love to solve. If no parents would give in, then kids would give up more readily — there would be less fighting, and less guilt about making kids learn Jewish things against their will.

IDEA NO. 5:

Use Bribes to Keep Your Children from Interdating.

Establish a coercive and manipulative, but nonrestrictive, double standard about dating Jews; however, do it years before your child begins to even think about dating. Then, consistently fulfill it once dating begins.

Here is the way it works. From the time your child is 7 or 8, tell him or her regularly that someday when she or he is old enough to want to go out on dates, it's really important to you that she or he dates other Jews.

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Delaware Coalition For Bosnia Rally Public Policy And Private Passions



From left to right: Rocky Marval, Dr. Mark J. Miller J Frank Masley.

By CELIA GANS

Representatives from the offices of Senator Roth, Senator Biden and Congressman Castle spoke on Monday, May 23rd at Freedom Plaza Rally to end the genocide in Bosnia, in the shadow of the Holocaust Memorial. They spoke about public policy: lifting the arms embargo, providing air cover, sending United States equipment, and enforcing economic sanctions. Frank Masley, flagbearer for the U.S. Olympic team in Sarajevo, who trained for his luge event in Bosnia from 1983 to 1988, spoke of his friends, struggling but proud people in a country "like America must have been after the Great Depression."

Public pronouncements were made about "ethnic cleansing" and "genocide." Mark Metzelaar, Board

member of the Delaware Coalition for Bosnia, spoke about his grandmother's and father's escape from Holland, saved from the concentration camps in which his remaining relatives perished.

Dr. Mark J. Miller, University of Delaware professor of political science, gave 5 reasons why we must concern ourselves about Bosnia: the lesson of "never again," of standing by and watching the suffering of others due to ethnic cleansing and purification; the global refugee problem; the "copy cat" effect — one ethnic cleansing leads to another; the perception by the Islamic world of the double standard — a different measure when Muslims are being attacked; and the need for the United States and Western Europe to deal

with the millions of Muslim immigrants coming to their shores in the 21st Century.

Frank Masley told the audience of 40 - including his wife, infant son (a clone according to his mother, of his father and grandfather) and Albertville Olympic pairs skater Rocky Marval - of the dedication beyond the call of duty of a young luge-run attendant who never let the men practice alone and who provided minor medical assistance at all hours to the athletes. He spoke of the craftsmen and small merchants who befriended him, of their kindness and concern.

Professor Miller spoke of 2 million Bosnian refugees. Masley spoke of the Olympics site being destroyed, and of the courageous people who were part of the Opening Ceremonies. Gone, said Masley, "all gone." Dispersed, fled, maimed, killed. Gone.

"It is our turn," said Metzelaar, "to stand with him, with the Delaware Coalition for Bosnia, its President: Dale toodley, and all who agree that never again means not now," as the courageous Dutch couple had stood to save his family during World War II.

Frank Masley spoke of magic — of the sensation (coming down the luge run at night) of merging with the lights of Sarajevo, of becoming one with the country and its people. "The lights have been extinguished," said Masley, "and country and its people need our help."

To join the Delaware Coalition for Bosnia, contact Rabbi Marla J. Feldman at 478-6200.

South African Rabbi In Delaware Valley Celebrates Mandela's Ascendance

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Jewish Voice Intern

Temple-Beth Am Rabbi Robert Leib will always remember May 10, 1994. The proud Capetownian cited the ascension of South Africa's Nelson Mandela from political prisoner to President as "breathtaking and monumental in its scope of importance." He has celebrated Mandela's rise to the Presidency with "quiet jubilation" and is looking forward to witnessing the country's future with optimism.

He noted that housing, employment, and education were areas very much in need of help. "But," Rabbi

Leib asserted, "There are human resources just waiting to be tapped similar to the natural resources that have been tapped."

Rabbi Leib was born in Cape Town in 1959. After graduating from the University of Cape Town in 1980, he spent five years of rabbinical studies at the Leo Braeck College in London, where he was ordained in 1986. For three years he served as rabbi for the Cape Town Progressive Jewish Congregation in South Africa. Since 1991, Rabbi Leib has served as Rabbi of Old York Road Temple-Beth Am in nearby Abington, Pa.

Expert In The Elderly To Speak At JFS Meeting

The Board has announced that the 1994 Annual Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7 at the Brandywine Country Club.

The meeting will feature the installation of David Krigstein as the agency President as well as other new officers and Board members.

Retiring Board members and JFS volunteers will be honored for their

service to the agency during the past two years.

Rabbi Richard R. Address, Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Committee on Older Adults, will be the main speaker. His expertise regarding the Jewish elderly more than qualifies him to speak about a population that has a great need for the services offered by JFS.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware invites you to attend the ANNUAL MEETING

June 6, 1994

7:30 p.m.

Congregation Beth Emeth Open to the community



ERNEST MICHEL

Speaker

Author, humanitarian, Holocaust survivor and Executive Vice-President Emeritus of the United Jewish Appeal Federation of New York.

Born in Germany, Mr. Michel was sent to his first labor camp as a young boy in 1939. After almost six years in concentration camps, he escaped just before the end of World War II. Michel is a spokesman for the survivors of the Holocaust, organizing and serving as the chairman of the highly publicized World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem in 1989. Mr. Michel will be available to autograph his book, Promises To Keep.

Jewish Community Center Annual Meeting To Include Election of Officers

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center will be held on Sunday, June 12, 1994 at 4:00 p.m. at the Jewish Family Campus, 101 Garden of Eden Road, North Wilmington.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Martin I. Lubaroff, has nominated the following individuals for election to the JCC Board of Directors.

The following have been nominated for elected officers for a one year term:

President.....	Robert Coonin
Vice Presidents.....	Lena Elzufon Daniel Klein Jordan Rosen Richard Stat
Treasurer.....	Michael Weiss
Assistant Treasurer.....	Deane Kattler
Secretary.....	Amy Leviton
Assistant Secretary.....	Connie Sugarman

The following have been nominated for a three year term:

Annette Aersonson	Steven Bernhardt	David Bernstein
Rona Caplan	Lena Elzufon	Deane Kattler
Richard A. Levine	Amy Leviton	David Margules
Michelle Margules	Karen Morris	Michael Weiss

The following have been nominated for a two year term:

Harriette Nadler

The following have been nominated for a one year term:

Buddy Berger

According to Article VII, Section I of the By-Laws of the Jewish Community Center: "At least three months before the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, to meet at least two months before the Annual Meeting, consisting of seven members in good standing, four of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. At time of said appointment, notice will be posted that the Committee will be meeting, and suggestions may be submitted. This Committee shall nominate a slate of officers and members as candidates for the vacancies which shall exist on the Board of Directors, but in no event shall any members of the Nominating Committee be nominated by the Committee as an officer or director. No further nominations shall be submitted at the Annual Meeting."

Peninnah Schramm, Star Storyteller Weaves Tales At Kutz Home Auxiliary Luncheon

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Special To The Jewish Voice

"Sholem Aleichem!" "Aleichem Sholem!" With this traditional exchange of greetings between Jews, Peninnah Schramm spread her arms wide, welcoming and inviting her audience to gather round, because, kinderlach, we are going to hear stories — "bubbamayses."

For over an hour at the Kutz Home Auxiliary luncheon on May 12, Ms. Schramm enchanted the 160 guests



Peninnah Schramm speaking on May 12.

with mayases, embellished with dynamic body language. Peninnah Schramm, an acclaimed storyteller and professor of Speech and Drama at Stern college of Yeshiva University, inherited her story telling predilection from both her parents who told tales at the drop of a question. "If you ask a Jew a question," said Schramm, "a Jew answers with a story."

Schramm has cartloads of stories from which to draw. She is frequently asked, "how do you always have the perfect story for any particular subject?" "Well," confided Schramm, "if I have a good story, I introduce the perfect subject."

While stories function as spellbinders and entertainment, they also answer life's questions. The stories are often parabolic, but they also address the "heart" questions — questions such as "Who am I?" "Who are my people?" "By what values should I live?" "What are the legacies?" Schramm calls stories the "family jewel box" which reflects, like the jewels it contains, memories that are transmitted from generation to generation.

Schramm's stories are gathered from a multitude of sources — her family, from diaries, from the Tal-

mud, and from listening to other people's family stories. She is continually amazed at finding stories with origins that are centuries old and stories that cross cultural boundaries.

Skillfully interweaving her historical and cultural discussion of story telling with evocative Jewish stories from her treasure trove, Ms. Schramm's performance captivated her audience. She fervently believes that cultural memory is transmitted through the stories and folk songs. She cited as an example a Yiddish lullaby sung to her as a child, Schramm asked the audience to close their eyes as she sang the lullaby so that they too could be transformed to another time and place, "to the child in each of us."

Ending her story hour with a tale of an apple tree who, bewailing its lack of grandeur, discovered that its fruit when sliced crosswise contained a star. "There are stars," said Schramm, "inside all of us, and our children, and our grandchildren...we have a responsibility to bring our stories up and out, and to keep the spark of Yiddishkeit alive by sharing stories."

Stars come in all shapes and sizes — the Kutz home residents, 15 of whom attended the luncheon at the Brandywine Country Club, the Kutz Home auxiliary which raised \$7500 from the luncheon program toward renovation projects, and the many other volunteers and sponsors who give time and money toward maintaining the Home.



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JUNE

Wednesday 1

The annual meeting of Albert Einstein Academy Inc. shall be held at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. Guest speaker is Rabbi David Wortman.

Sunday 5

Join YJAD at Great Adventure Park for the day. We start at the JCC and caravan to the park. Please call Sandi Bernstein at (609) 678-8190 for all information.

Monday 6

The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) annual meeting, at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, features Ernest Michel, author, humanitarian, Holocaust survivor and Executive Vice-President Emeritus of the United Jewish Appeal - Federation of New York. This event is open to the community.

Wednesday 8

ZIMRIYAH - Spring Music Concert at 7:00 p.m. at the J.C.C. auditorium.

Sunday 12

The A.K.S.E. Mens Club. The program concerns "The Role of Delaware's Jewish Community's Newspaper." The speaker will be Dan Weintraub, Editor of the Jewish Voice. Social Hall, AKSE 9:30 a.m.

Monday 13

Albert Einstein Academy Family Picnic for current families and alumni families at 5:30 p.m. at J.C.C. outside.

Tuesday 14

P'H*A*S'E 2 (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) Restaurant Sampler, 6:30 p.m., Gallucio's (1709 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, DE, 302-655-3713. Call by June 13 to RSVP, 302-475-3376.

Wednesday 22

A.K.S.E. Men's Club sponsored bus trip to Veterans Stadium to see Philadelphia Phillies play Atlanta Braves. Tickets: contact A.K.S.E. office, 302-762-2705, to reserve your tickets now.

Thursday 23

J.C.C. Sports Classic will be held at the DuPont Country Club, Wilmington, benefitting the Jewish

Community Center, sponsored by Beneficial National Bank. Register by June 9. For info. call 478-5660.

Sunday 26

YJAD is returning to the Philadelphia Zoo this year to see all the animals. RSVP to Dennice Rosenstrauch at (302) 792-1666.

Ongoing

On Wednesdays in June, the YJAD will play coed volleyball OUTSIDE at the JCC Family Campus. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are non-competitive. Cost is \$2 (\$1 for JCC members). Contact Mike Schenk at (610) 558-3781.



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Bialik (Part II)

Translated by Dov Seidel from LAMISHPACHA, Dec., 1993, Hebrew Monthly Magazine, 47 W. 34th St., Room 609, N.Y., N.Y. 10001

(Part One of this translation was published May 13 in The Jewish Voice)

But Bialik aspired to learn other areas also. After half a year in the yeshiva, he began to study Russian by himself, and to read books of the "Haskalah" (enlightenment). He read the essays of Achad-HaAm (Asher Ginsberg). In these essays, Achad-HaAm spoke about the need for a

national revival, and of the "Return to Zion."

Bialik continued in the path of Achad-HaAm. In the same period, he began to write his first national poems. At the age of 18, he decided to interrupt his studies in the yeshiva, and traveled to the city of Odessa, which is in the south of Russia, and which was a center of the Haskalah movement.

When, in Odessa, he met Achad-HaAm, and Bialik showed him the poem "To the Bird." Achad-HaAm proposed to him to show the poem to the author, Ravnitski, who was editor of the Hebrew periodical, "The Orchard." This is how the first poem of Bialik was printed. Bialik and Ravnitski became friends and began

to edit "Sefer HaAgadah" (their joint work for more than 20 years). (Sefer HaAgadah recently was translated into English...D.S.)

Half a year after he arrived in Odessa, Bialik found out that his grandfather and his brother were ill, and near death. He returned to Zhitomir. After his grandfather and brother passed away, he remained in Zhitomir and married Manya Averbuch. They had no children - Bialik used to play for many hours with the children of his friends.

For several years, Bialik earned his living by working for his father-in-law, in business. His father-in-law was buying and selling forests, and Bialik was helping him in the management of the bookkeeping. He continued to write poetry during these years.

In 1900, Bialik decided that he had to return to Odessa, which was a center of Hebrew writers, and of the Chovevei Tsiyon (Lovers of Zion, a movement to upbuild the Land of Israel, which preceded Zionism) movement. He lived in Odessa approximately 20 years, and earned his living as a teacher of Hebrew and Tanach and as a supervisor in the school known as Cheder Mtookan; here they taught modern methods, and emphasized learning Hebrew in Hebrew (now known as the Ulpan method). Bialik founded a publishing house called Mohreayah, which mainly published instruction books in Hebrew.

With Professor Yosef Klohzner, Bialik edited the monthly Hashelach, which came out in Warsaw. For several years, he resided in Warsaw, and then moved the publication to Odessa.

In the monthly, "Hashelach," Bialik published the works of young authors, and greatly influenced their path. Most of the poems that he himself wrote, were first published in "Hashelach."

In 1909, Bialik traveled with Ravnitski for a visit in Erets Yisrael, and from there he wrote to the author Shalom Aleichem:

"...I swear to you, I saw Erets Yisraeli! I saw her tangibly, just as you see me a Jew. There are settlements, there are farmers and Jewish workers, and also cucumbers and watermelons made with Jewish hands. With my eyes I saw them, and with my mouth I ate them. It enlivens the spirit! Oh, Shalom Aleichem! If you were also with us."

In 1921, Bialik left Russia, and after three years in Germany, "went up" to the Land. He was already a known poet, and a welcoming party was held for him in the courtyard of the Hertzliya school in Tel Aviv. Stu-

dents from all the schools fathered there, and Bialik lectured before them.

Connections between Bialik and the children in Israel continued for the length of his life. He used to visit in the schools in Tel Aviv, and cultural life was concentrated around him. He was chosen to be chairman of the Committee for the Hebrew Language; he frequently strolled in the streets, walking stick in his hand, conversing with the people in the city. With the joy of Torah, his house was open to all, and many people came in and shook his hand. In the garden of his house, and in his street, people danced in circles until the light of morning.

Bialik convinced one of the

wealthy citizens to buy a house in Tel Aviv and to change it to a meeting-place for Shabbat parties. The house, in Balfour Street, was called "Ohel Shem", and every Shabbat afternoon, hundreds of people gathered there for "Oneg Shabbat" parties; a chorus of children sang songs of Tanach and songs of Zion, and scholars spoke words of Torah and wisdom.

On the 21st of Tamuz, 1934, Bialik died while he was undergoing surgery in Austria. He bequeathed his house in Tel Aviv to the public, and now everyone can visit "Bet Bialik," to gaze at the books in his large library, and to see the manuscripts of his work.

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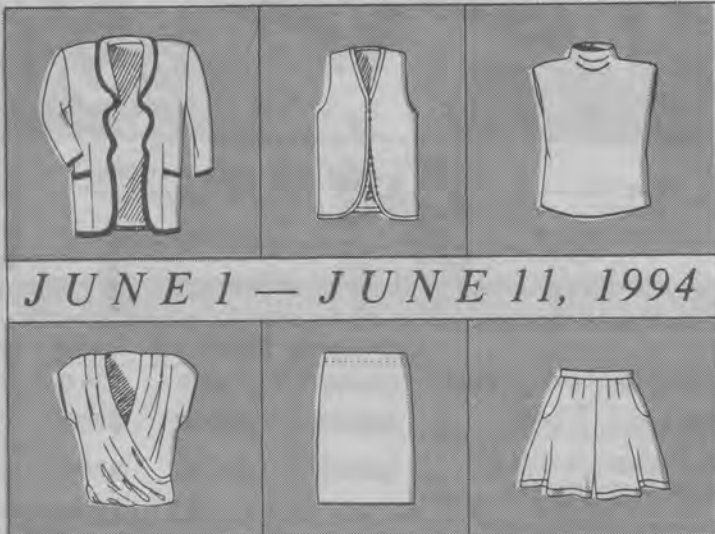
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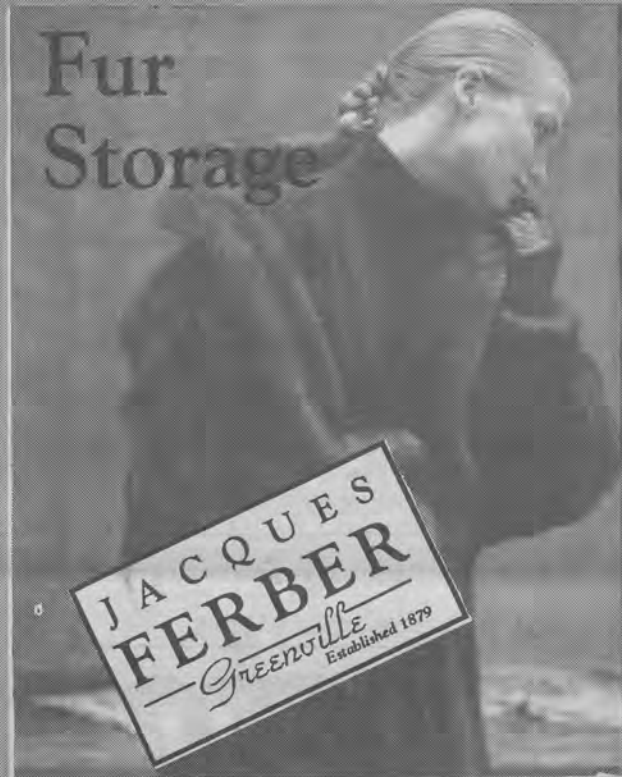
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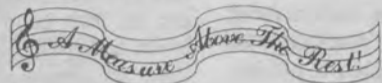


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Words & Music: Grey's Katz Strut

By STEVE COHEN

To what extent can you return home? That question was on my mind last week when I revisited the house that my grandparents once lived in, and again when I saw Joel Grey's tribute to his father, *Borscht Capades '94* at the Merriam Theatre.

Grey's dad was Mickey Katz, the Borscht Belt comedian who wrote and performed Yiddish versions of pop songs like "Cry of the Wild

Goose" and "Shrimp boats." Katz's "Gerschrai of der Vilde Katschke" and "Herring Boats" were popular in the 1950s, when a small minority spoke Yiddish. Now, forty years later, even fewer folks know the language.

The review is a touching tribute from father to son. "I find myself full of enormous gratitude for being his son," he says. But, for a 1990's audience, how meaningful is it?

In the 1950's we didn't speak Yiddish but at least we were familiar with

the sounds. In the 1990's hardly anyone has grandparents who speak Yiddish around the house anymore. (In fact, who has grandparents who live in the same house with their children and grandchildren?)

There were laughs of recognition from a good part of the opening night audience. They enjoyed themselves tremendously. For the rest of us, there was admiration for Grey's good intentions and for his skill as a singer and comedian.

I'm left with a feeling of sadness because neither I nor most of my friends can get the enjoyment that Grey gets from the Yiddish language. And a feeling of anger with my parents for not passing on the language to my generation.

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Pageant is a silly little show that's winding up the season at the Walnut Street Theatre. There's no substance, no deep significance, but we were smiling all the way through it. This parody of beauty pageants is like a series of Saturday Night Live sketches from the early days when SNL was really good.

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In the last issue I raised the rhetorical question, What's Jewish in content in a Kurt Weill musical review? Deborah Baer Mozes called to give me her answer. She's qualified to speak because she's the founder and artistic director of Theatre Ariel, the Delaware Valley's only Jewish theater company, which is producing the show.

"I reject the narrow idea that a Jewish company has to present specific Jewish content in every production," she says. "We don't want to do only shows about Bar Mitzvahs, weddings or the Holocaust. Part of our mission is to honor Jewish artists who have contributed to American culture, even if their output is not overtly Jewish, and that's what we're doing with Weill."

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Before there was *West Side Story* there was another show by two of the same writers (Leonard Bernstein and Arthur Laurents) called *East Side Story*. It was about a Jewish gang and an Irish gang on Manhattan's lower East Side. And way before either of these there was Bill Shakespeare's story about Italian gangs, *Romeo and Juliet*.

The Peoples Light and Theatre Company is currently playing a revival of that classic in Malvern. And the Opera Company of Philadelphia just completed four performances of Gounod's musical version of it, *Romeo et Juliette*. It's even more romantic than the Shakespeare original, because it downplays the family plotting and concentrates on the love scenes between the two kids. With lush music added to Shakespeare's poetry sung in French, no less, this show had everyone pulling out their handkerchiefs.

Almost as universal a classic story as *Romeo & Juliet* is the one about the American sailor who arranges a marriage to a Japanese girl so he can have sex with her, only to find that she takes it so seriously that she winds up committing suicide when he dumps her. Most of us know the pop song *Poor Butterfly*, the opera *Madame Butterfly*, and the play *M. Butterfly*. In addition, there've been several movies loosely based on it.

Did you know that the story originated in the mind of John Long, who lived not far from here? His short story was turned into a melodrama directed by David Belasco on Broadway in 1902, and then, two years later, into the opera by Puccini.

Long created this classic and scribbled it down in his Victorian home in Elkins Park, overlooking what is now a Little League ballfield.

The Academy of Vocal Arts just gave performances of it in Philadelphia and at Centennial Hall in Haverford. As usual, the AVA's cast was filled with young scholarship students and sounded like a big professional production. The Concerto Soloists were the pit band, and they were led by the AVA's musical director, Chris Macatsoris, who is one of America's best conductors of Italian opera.

Talmud In Russia

By LISA GLAZER

MOSCOW (JTA) — Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the world-renowned scholar and educator who translated the Talmud into everyday language, is visiting Russia to commemorate the publication of the first volume of a new edition of the Talmud published in Russia.

While in Russia, Steinsaltz's schedule includes meetings with students from the Jewish University of Moscow, delivering a lecture at Moscow's Choral Synagogue and attending a breakfast prayer meeting with leaders from the Russian Orthodox Church, muftis and the Dalai Lama of Tibet, who is also now in Russia.

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Judy Wortman Participates in CJF Institute

A recent Institute brought together Federation Executive Directors, including Judy Wortman of the Delaware Federation, for a look at changes in the style of professional

leadership that must accompany these new directions.

Judy B. Wortman participated in the Intermediate Cities Institute. The Executives of smaller Interme-

mediate City Federations gathered in Palm Beach, FL to examine "Transformational leadership — The Evolving Role of the Executive."

The session was coordinated by the CJF Department of Community Services.

Executives leading Federations to change was a guiding principle for the Small Cities group. "The challenges of professional leadership in the Federations are getting greater in a rapidly changing environment," said Norman Olshansky, Executive Director of the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation and Institute Chairman. "Our goal was to deal with some of the issues that will require transformational leadership — that is, a major change in the way we present ourselves and how we utilize our skills to help the Federation movement deal with emerging issues, all the while keeping focused on our Judaic imperatives and personal needs for professional growth."

Providing insights into this multiple agenda were Rabbi Irwin Kula of CLAL, The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, and CJF's Hyman. "Rabbi Kula showed it was necessary to link ourselves to the Jewish past in order to be effective in the Jewish future," said Howard Feinberg, CJF Community Consultant and Institute Coordinator. "Hyman's point was that Executives can't just manage — they have to lead while maintaining Jewish values. They must take risks but not be so far ahead of everyone that they lose their troops."

The Executives met formally and informally with CJF Executive Vice President Martin S. Kraar as well as with Rabbi Brian Lurie, UJA Executive Vice President. Dr. Gerald L. Showstack, CJF Director of Education, worked with the presenters on developing a unified approach in their remarks.

Asks Institute Coordinator Feinberg: "What are the philosophical and systemic issues the Executives need to confront in order to be agents of change? How can they accomplish this in connection with Jewish education, Jewish values and Jewish issues, so change doesn't come about in a vacuum?"

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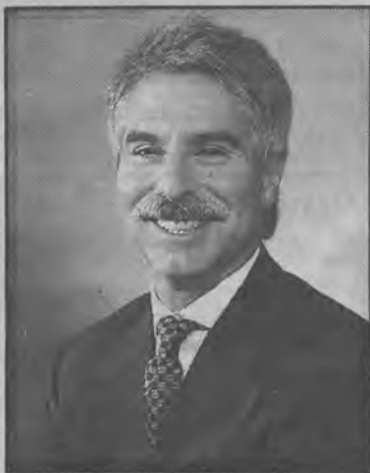
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Face to Face with JFD People

Pearlstone Plans To Lead UJA Into New Era

By JO ANN ABRAHAM
UJA Press Service

Richard Pearlstone, 46, has been elected National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and was officially installed during the UJA Campaign Conference in New York, May 22-24.



Richard Pearlstone
National Chair of UJA

Pearlstone says, "We want to send 50,000 kids a year to Israel because all the research shows that if you get them to Israel in their high school years, they will develop a relationship with Israel, be more committed to Judaism, and they will probably be contributors. We're going to work with Charles R. Bronfman's C.R.B. Foundation and the Council of Jewish Federations and a coalition of national Jewish organizations on this.

"We're going to concentrate on Jewish continuity," he adds. "Since 1830, every thirty years people talked about the demise of the Jewish people. We've gone 160 years, going out of business every thirty years. And we're still here."

The Board of Directors of Jewish Family Service invites you to our Annual Meeting, Tuesday, June 7, 1994, 7:00 in the evening at Brandywine Country Club.

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The Second Annual JCC Sports Classic will be held on Thursday, June 23, 1994 at the Dupont Country Club.

The Sports Classic offers golf, tennis and lawn bowling tournaments. Golf participant entry package (\$225/person) includes green fees, golf cart, buffet lunch, on-course snacks and refreshments, use of lockerrooms and awards reception with open bar and hor d'oeuvres. The tennis and lawn bowling entry packages (\$75/person) includes use of courts/rinks, snacks and refreshments, use of lockerrooms and awards reception with open bar and hor d'oeuvres.

Limited space available in all three tournaments! Don't miss your chance to join us for a great day of fun, while supporting programs and services offered by the JCC.

Player information is available by calling Shay Rosen at (302) 478-5660. The deadline for tournament registration is June 9.

Immigrant Poem

Mikhail Shifrin, age 14, is a student at Mt. Pleasant High School. He and his family were resettled, in Wilmington, by Jewish Family Service, fifteen months ago from Russia. Mike, as he now likes to be called, spoke little English at that time. Following is a poem he wrote for school in November 1993.

IMMIGRANT POEM
By MICHAEL SHIFRIN

I knew a lot. I've seen a lot,
I liked my country, but they did not,
They tried to kill us all at once,
They killed our hopes many times.
They called us "Jews," but they forgot,
That we will live and we won't die.
I watched those hopeless people living,
And I became a part of them.
I tried to take all silver things,
I took my memories with me,
I left my relatives and friends,
I left my home.
With only hope in my G-d
I started here in New York
I missed my land, I missed my people,
But I am free at once and all,
And it's the most important thing,
That you can find in our world

Albert Einstein Academy Annual Meeting Features Rabbi Wortman

Albert Einstein Academy's annual meeting is Wednesday, June 1, 1994, 22 Sivan 5754, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center Auditorium.

The program includes: election of officers and Board of Trustees; guest speaker, Rabbi David Wortman, Executive Director, JCRC of Philadelphia; and performances by the instrumental music students of Albert Einstein Academy.

The meeting is free and open to the community.

Refreshments will be served.

Rosen Daughter Unmentioned

In an article titled "Family of Talents," in our last issue, one family member, Becky Rosen, was not mentioned in the article.

Delaware Beach Season Preview

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Jewish Voice Intern

With the warm weather upon us, thoughts drift to the sand and the sea. Paperbacks. Waves. Good food. Bikinis.

Delaware's beaches, many people's weekend haven from the frustrations of work, just got easier to get to. The Delaware Department of Transportation decided that most people wouldn't mind shelling out a buck in order to bypass the traffic lights in Dover and Smyrna. DelDOT's Delaware 1 will probably replace U.S. 13 as the choice route to the beaches.

Unfortunately, Rehoboth decided to replace the avoided frustration on the highways with a 50% parking increase at meters near the ocean. Touché.

On the upside, Rehoboth, besides offering the expected assortment of fun for all ages, is planning on having a bunch of events throughout the summer. On June 4, the Miss Delaware Pageant will be held at the Rehoboth Convention Hall at 8 p.m. For more information, call 945-9330. There will be a sand castle contest held between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Delaware Seashore State Park on July 9. It will be under the control of the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, 739-4702. July 12-13 and 22-August 27 offer art connoisseurs the opportunity to visit the exhibits at the Rehoboth Art League, 227-8408. The seventeenth annual Nanticoke Indian pow-wow will take place on September 10-11 at Oak Orchard, 945-7022. And on September 23, Rehoboth invites all senior citizens to join the festivities at the Senior Citizens' Beach Day, held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the bandstand and Convention Hall, 422-1386.

Pragmatic thrill seekers won't want to miss the chance for a ride on the SR2, a simulated rollercoaster/bobsled/airplane ride on the boardwalk between Delaware and

Wilmington avenues. The fact that the makers of the machine did not have to add simulated screams shows how very real the simulated ride feels.

In addition to the stressed out and over-worked being happy that beach weather is here, shopowners are overjoyed as well. It is time to sell their goods. They caution parents to keep an eye on their children while shopping because, as one shopowner had a sign saying it, "Unattended children will be sold."

National Jewish Poetry Award

Poets wishing to enter the eighth annual Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience should send a self-addressed stamped envelope before July 31, 1994 for entry form and guidelines to Poetry Award, Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94705.

Each year, poets from throughout the world enter the competition, open only to unpublished poems in English.

Awards include \$100 first prize, \$50 second prize, \$25 third prize, and Honorable Mentions. There is a new prize of \$25 for an Emerging Poet. Poets under age 19 are also eligible for a Youth Commendation and poets 65 or older are also eligible for a Senior Award.

Ernest Michel, only survivor journalist at Nuremberg Trials, will speak at JFD Annual meeting

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Preparing For Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Countdown to Bar/Bat Mitzvah! will be held Sunday, June 5 at 10 a.m. at the Gibstein Auditorium, Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd.

The event is sponsored by the Beth Shalom Sisterhood.

Countdown to Bar/Bat Mitzvah! is a panel discussion and open meeting for parents contemplating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in the next few years and for parents who have recently been through the experience.

A communication from the sponsors invites you to "Come share concerns, questions, solutions, experiences and suggestions."

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Irene Plotzker at 475-9329.

ORT Installation On June 15

Women's American ORT, Brandywine Chapter at Large, is holding its Installation Dinner on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. The incoming slate of officers is:

- President: Ruth Rosenberg
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The Rabbi Writes After 50 Years

By Rabbi HERBERT E. DROOZ

Special To The Jewish Voice

Brief arithmetic reveals I've been in Delaware about 50 years or more, and I'm grateful to be able to say: Our thanks dear Lord For all these lovely years, For the wondrous golden melt: Of friends and tears Of hopes and fears, Of cheers and kindly, silent jeers In which we've dwelt.

Indeed, more than 50 years have churned by since Florence and I arrived in wonderful Wilmington — growing towards two generations. Surely among the most active and exciting generations in history, of good and evil events! War and peace, the Holocaust and the birth of the State of Israel, the atomic age and the Space Age!

Historians have observed in America there is a change of course, of mood, and of concerns about every ten years.

Nothing piques my historic curiosity more than the true political and military causes of the Viet Nam bloodshed and horror. Was it a leprous compound of lust for power and the corruption of power?

The decade from 1953 to '63 was a decade of great hope, of belief in the American Dream, of a renaissance of religious faith and the building of religious institutions at an incredible rate in the move to the suburbs.

The Jews of America were recognized as the 3rd religious force in the Land, a decade which ended in gloom and guilt upon the assassination of President Kennedy.

What have I learned across the tumult of these decades?

1. I have learned that my own rabbi was right when he told me long ago that the sins that lead people to disaster are still the old-fashioned, common garden-variety of sin.

2. That the under girding institution of our culture remains the human family. When the family fails to generate love and concern, parents for children and children for parents, every disaster is in the cards, and, except for the grace of God and sheer good fortune, the disaster comes in one form or another: I have been a teacher for 38 years and testify that with a single exception I have never had a problem child in a classroom who did not have a problem

parent at home! Children are loud flashing neon signs of the kind of home spirit in which they are growing up in. Juvenile delinquency, the drug scene, the confusion between the goat's life and the good life so that an instinctual animal act replaces love and the life sacrifices love requires. Why is it that I only hear from women "that the marriage license is only a scrap of paper?" No man ever makes such a statement in the presence of another man. For the simple and adequate reason that every man knows that the statement is a man's lie, used to exploit the female across millennia of history. Every man knows by instinct, I guess, that the certificate of marriage was invested by great men to protect women from most men. And all this has to do with the conditions for creating a household worthy of the holy task of rearing the next generation.

3. Back in the 60's the slogan "the family that prays together stays together" became a cliché. Since then sociological studies have overwhelmingly sustained the factuality of the slogan. A family that prays together is likely to be a disciplined, stable, concerned group. Praying together lifts them to vistas larger than them-

(Continued on page 17)

Adult Kabbalat Torah At Beth Emeth, June 3

Last May, Congregation Beth Emeth celebrated the Aliyah of thirty men and women in an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. This year, not only will another twenty-one celebrate this belated rite of passage, on May 30, but also fourteen of last year's B'nai Mitzvah will participate in a confirmation service, celebrating the continuance of their formal studies in Hebrew and, of course, Judaism.

Although several members of the "Confirmation Class" were confirmed in their youth, this commemoration will differ from the usual Shavuot service. The major focus of the course of study has been continuing Hebrew, beyond what was learned in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes last year. An interesting aspect of the ritual will be use of a "gender-neutral" Shabbat service.

The further Judaic studies have also included discussions with local Christian clergy, allowing comparison of Judaism with several forms

of Christianity as practiced in this community. The class is most grateful for the significant efforts of Rabbi Peter Grumbacher and Lawrence Malinger, and Sue Paul, Myrna Pollock, and Samantha Malinger, as well as the speakers from outside of the synagogue, for their educational assistance in the reaching of this milestone.

The Kabbalat Torah service will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at the synagogue on Lea Boulevard. All are invited to attend this Sabbath worship, with its unusual distinction.

The participants in the Kabbalat Torah group are: Jean L. Blumenfeld, Susan A. Burstein, Frederick W. DeVries, Lois A. Frankel, Robert J. Gamiel, Robin Haack, Jeanne F. Hurschman, Kathleen A. Kamen, Millie E. Levin, Marian B. Lindbergh, Carrie W. Littman, Joslyn Maerov, Marge Maerov, Leona G. Markiewitz, and Esther M. Timmeney.

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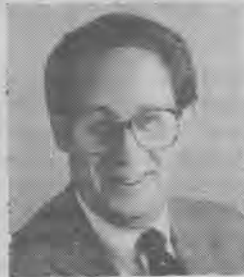
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By Orthodox Rabbis

WASHINGTON (PNR) — The Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America has denounced advocacy of euthanasia, saying "Judaism, which has served as the ethical basis for Western civilization, views assisted

suicide as murder."

In a separate statement, the council's president, Rabbi Moshe Gorelik denounced "the idea of imparting a measure of holiness to non-marital sex," saying it is "a betrayal

Leaders of Reform Judaism To Vote
On Admission Of Congregation
That Omits Reference To God

Should a congregation that has rewritten liturgy to omit all reference to God be admitted to the movement of Reform Judaism?

This is the issue facing the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), central body of the Reform movement, as its 218 members prepare for a scheduled three-day meeting in Washington, D.C. June 10-June 12.

Beth Adam, a non-affiliated Ohio synagogue that describes itself as "The Cincinnati Congregation for Humanistic Judaism," has applied for affiliation with the UAHC, which is composed of 860 Reform congregations in the United States and Canada. In its literature, Beth Adam claims it does not deny the existence of God but neither does it seek to impose a concept of God "nor does

Israel Agrees Not To Refer
Immigrants To Religious Courts
To Determine Status

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Interior Ministry has agreed not to refer new immigrants to rabbinical courts to determine their Jewishness for purposes of civil registration.

It is seen as a victory for champions of the separation of religion and state here, while the fervently Ortho-

dox are calling the development a dangerous one.

The ministry agreement was presented by the Attorney General to the Supreme Court last week in response to a petition filed by the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center here.

The petitioners alleged that the Ministry's Population Registry was

Jewish Groups Urge Clinton
To Proceed Quickly With
New Haitian Refugee Policy

By PAMELA DRUCKERMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish groups are pressing the Clinton Administration to proceed speedily with its plan to grant asylum hearings to Haitian refugees.

Sixteen national and local Jewish organizations issued a joint statement

last week calling the administration's recent decision not to repatriate immediately refugees picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard an "encouraging move."

Sponsors of the May 10 statement include the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Council of Jewish Federations and B'nai B'rith.

Under the newly announced policy, all refugees will be given hearings at sea, or in a still-unnamed third country, to determine their eligibility for asylum. Only those who can prove they are political refugees will be admitted to the United States.

The joint statement calls on the administration to expand upon this policy and provide a "safe haven," preferably in a third country, to those refugees who are not political refugees but who have a "credible fear that they will be subjected to political violence in Haiti."

In the joint statement, the Jewish groups said Jews have a special interest in the Haitians' plight.

"The Jewish community knows from its own experience the horror of being denied safe haven when lives

of the sanctity of the Jewish home." He also referred to homosexuality as "a further abandonment of the fundamental principles of Jewish morality."

"Judaism does not seek to cater to the 'current practices of the day but seeks to enable the lives of its adherents," Gorelik said. "The fact that immoral behavior is a reality must not shape Jewish values. The sacred integrity of the Jewish family must not be compromised."

the congregation assume that one must employ the term 'God' to give expression to one's deeply held religious beliefs."

The Beth Adam application is strongly opposed by the rabbis of the four existing Reform congregations in Cincinnati.

They argue that Beth Adam must first make changes that would enable it to fall "within the descriptive parameters and the essential universally recognizable principle of Reform Judaism." Such changes, the rabbis' letter said, would include allowing congregants the freedom to pray to God, to invoke God's name and ask for God's blessing in worship opportunities and life cycle events.

making the referrals to the rabbinical courts, which are illegal.

In documents, David Efrati, director of the Registry, declared his division had not referred and would not refer new immigrants to the religious courts.

The head of the rabbinical courts, Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Dahan, submitted affidavits agreeing that the rabbinical courts had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Regev has maintained that the rabbinical courts only have the "incidental authority" to judge Jewish status in matters squarely under their jurisdiction, such as marriage.

are at stake," the statement said.

It cited the 1939 case in which 936 Jewish refugees aboard the S.S. St. Louis were denied entry to the U.S. and subsequently returned to Europe, where many are killed in the Holocaust.

In supporting asylum hearings for refugees, the Jewish community has aligned itself with the Congressional Black Caucus, affirming what both black and Jewish leaders say are strong mutual interests.

"What is happening to Haiti can happen to any small country," said Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.). "No one remembers this better than the Jewish people."

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"Censorship in American Education and Its Effect on Delaware Schools" will be the topic of a special presentation by Dr. Joan DeFattore at the Rehoboth Art League on Saturday, June 11, from 2-4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments and a question-and-answer period will follow.

For information about this event, call the RAL offices between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Kuwaiti Leaders Meet For First Time With American Jewish Leaders in D.C.

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Visiting Kuwaiti parliamentarians made their first-ever stop at the American Jewish Committee's Washington office last week to discuss the Arab boycott and other controversial issues.

"It went well," AJCommittee's Washington representative Jason Isaacson, said of the meeting, which included about 20 people, among them Mohammad Sabah Al-Salin Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti ambassador to the United States. "It was the opening of a door."

AJCommittee participants urged Kuwait to "take further steps and assume a leadership role" in working to end the Arab boycott of Israel, said Isaacson.

He added that the Kuwaitis gave "a thoughtful response, saying, 'we have moved and hope we will continue to move'" on the issue, said

Isaacson. "There was no timetable given and none was asked."

Last year, Kuwait said it would no longer comply with the secondary and tertiary aspects of the boycott.

The two sides also discussed the plight of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a concern of both American Jewish groups and of Kuwait.

In addition, the participants discussed Iraq and the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War, including the shared interest on the part of Kuwait and the United States to maintain United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

The Kuwaitis arranged for a camera from Kuwaiti television to record Friday's meeting, Isaacson said, adding that he was not sure whether it had been broadcast in Kuwait.

After 50 Years

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selves and exposes them regularly to a standard of life and behavior of noblest measure. It is then no mystery or secret at all why the family that prays together stays together. It is that same family where children stay out of trouble on the streets and in school.

Reform Jews Call For 'Single Payer' Health System

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), central body of the Reform Jewish movement, is asking the more than one million members of its affiliated congregations in the United States to support legislation now before Congress calling for a "single-payer" plan of universal health insurance.

The Commission on Social Action letter said the single payer approach as outlined in the American Health Security Act would continue to use the current system of health care delivery, which allows for maximum choice of provider. But health care providers would have fewer administrative burdens, since instead of seeking reimbursement from up to 1,500 insurance companies and government programs — each with its own forms and procedures — physicians and hospitals would receive payment from a single financing institution, as is now the case with Medicare, according to the letter.

"A broad range of benefits would be provided to all citizens, and coverage could not be denied or terminated due to pre-existing conditions," the letter explained, adding: "Primary funding would come from a payroll tax, supplemented by an income tax of 2 to 3 percent for those in the higher brackets. Ninety-five percent of U.S. taxpayers would pay the same as or less than they are currently paying."

The House version of the single-payer bill was introduced by Representatives Jim McDermott (D-Wash.) and John Conyers (D-Mich.). The Senate legislation was introduced by Senator Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.).

4. Thirty years in the rabbinate have taught me that both you and I need as "much propping up in our leaning place" as we can secure.

The understandable yet foolish blunder of so many of us who have grown up in homes gloriously rich with the poetry of ritual and the prayer of our religious heritage has been to take it for granted that our children will, through their blood stream inherit our achievements and our faith. How often adult Jews have talked to me about the beauty of their homes in which they were reared. Yet when I inquire whether they were providing the same heritage for their own children, they were shocked into silence. Long ago our rabbis observed — "Torah is not inherited." It must be learned and experienced by each generation anew, just as each generation must be taught and experience love anew. Thomas Jefferson observing slavery toward the end of his life, remarked, "We are still paying the terrible price of slavery." When I observe the enormity of broken families and the lovelessness of so many homes, I tremble for the future of America. For democracy rests, before all laws and constitutions, upon the inner security and self-respect and respect for others that flows from the spring of familial love. No tyrant, no political fanatic, no supporter of dictatorship, across human history, you may be sure, was reared by loving parents.

Satisfy the animal need alone of a child and you have merely a well fed animal. Nourish and nurse his soul with love and discipline in the things that matter most, and you have a human being, a *mentsh*. There is no other way to build a better life, a better America, a better world. These things I have learned these 50 years.

(Rabbi Herbert E. Drooz is Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Beth Emeth)

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Mrs. Judy Arenson of Wilmington (far right) was installed as the President of the Northern Seaboard Region of Hadassah during their Spring Conference held April 30 and May 1 in Newark. Also pictured with Mrs. Arenson are Mrs. Barbara Topol, Conference Advisor; Mrs. Karen Venezky, Installing Officer; Mrs. Barbara Reitzes, Outgoing Region President. Other members from the Wilmington/Newark area who were installed or appointed were: Lulza Cohen, Area Vice President; Lois Chalawsky, Treasurer; Lelaine Nemser, Fund Raising Coordinator; Lindo Oster, Membership Coordinator; Judy Stiebel, Program Coordinator; Mary Lee Lutz, Bulletin Editor; Ruth Goodman, Jewish Education Chairperson; Leslie Balick, Vanguard Chairperson; and Shirley Fischer-Drowos, Young Leaders Representative. Mrs. Reitzes will be Expansion Chairperson and member of the Region Advisory Council. For more information on Hadassah locally, call Sharon Sternberg, Membership VP at 478-4851. PHOTO by Judy Stiebel.

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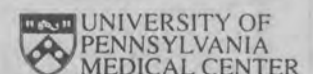
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OBITUARIES

ALBERT GOLDSTEIN
BRANDYWINE HUNDRED — Builder-developer Albert Goldstein, who was active in Congregation Beth Shalom, died May 18 of leukemia in Christiana Hospital. He was 75.
Mr. Goldstein, of 1114 Windon Drive, Chatham, owned Albert Development Corp. in Folsom, Pa., for 30 years and built more than 800 homes in Delaware County, Pa. He was associate building inspector of Ridley Township, Pa., for five years and retired in 1990.
He was past president of Home Builders Association of Southeastern

Pa. and Home Builders Association of Home Builders and Pennsylvania Builders Association.
Mr. Goldstein was once the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania's builder of the year and received its Spike Award for membership recruitment, past president's award and Slott Memorial Award for distinguished service.
He was a board member and chairman of construction inspection of the loan committee of Morton (Pa.) Savings & Loan Association for seven years.
Before moving to Chatham in

1961, Mr. Goldstein lived in Union, N.J., where he was a member of Temple Beth Shalom. He also lived in Newton, Mass., where he was district manager for Encyclopedia Britannica.
At Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, he was treasurer, board member and served on the executive board for many years. He was a member of the synagogue's Men's Club and served on the adult education, finance, ritual, nominating and personnel committees.
Mr. Goldstein received the synagogue's first Observer Award and was elected to Tree of Life and Hall of Fame.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the American Legion and Jewish War Veterans. He was a member of B'nai B'rith, Anti-Defamation League, Chatham Civic Association and American Israel Public Affairs.

A native of Media, Pa., he attended local schools and played varsity football, basketball and baseball at Media High School in the late 1930s. He was inducted into the Media Sports Hall of Fame in 1986. He played semipro football with Media Hurricanes in the late 1930s.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Hoffman Goldstein; a son, Lee of Wilmington; a sister, Anne Flanzer of Wallingford, Pa.; four brothers, Bernard of Boynton Beach, Fla., Henry of Boca Raton, Fla., Sid of Wilmington and Marvin of Folsom; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions

to Linda Goldstein Fund, Congregation Beth Shalom, or Leukemia Society of America, Delaware Chapter.

SADIE G. KEIL
Sadie G. Keil, 97, of Coffee Run Condominiums, Hockessin, died May 18 in Wilmington Hospital.
Mrs. Keil, a homemaker, was a member of Temple Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith, The Kutz Home Auxiliary and Hadasah.
Mrs. Keil was born in Kiev, Russia, and immigrated to the United States in 1907.

Her husband, Isadore Keil, founder of Keil Motor Co., died in 1971. She is survived by two daughters, Sybil Harris with whom she lived, and June Stat of Boca Raton, Fla.; three sisters, Rose Koffler and Eva Greenstein both of Wilmington, and Elizabeth Rosenberg of Rochester, Minn., and of Wilmington; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Du Pont Road.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Bellefonte, or charity.

ELAINE S. PIZOR
Elaine S. Pizor, 59, of 3 Wheatfield Drive, Meriden, Brandywine Hundred, died Saturday, May 21 of lung cancer at home.

Mrs. Pizor was office manager of Jewish Family Service of Delaware, Talleyville, for the past six years.

She was a member of the auxiliary of A.I. duPont Institute Children's Hospital, Rockland.

Raised in the Old Ninth Ward Section of Wilmington, she moved with her husband, James Pizor, to Meriden more than 30 years ago.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Mark A. at home; her mother, Hannah Schneider of Claymont; a brother, Edward Schneider of Marco Island, Fla.; and a sister, Marcia Margolin of Rockwood Hills, Brandywine Hundred.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Jewish Family Service of Delaware.

LUCILLE SILVERBERG
Lucille Silverberg, former owner of Lucille's, a women's apparel store, died May 11 of cancer at home.
Mrs. Silverberg, 76, lived at 5612 Pyles Ford Road.

She opened the store at 618 King St. in 1954 and later formed a partnership with her late brother, William Jacobs. They moved the store to 712 N. Market St. in 1964, and sold it in 1979. At one time, they operated three suburban "Lucille" stores, on Kirkwood Highway and in Concord and Springfield (Pa.) malls.

After selling the "Lucille" business — which the new owners closed in 1990 — Mrs. Silverberg worked at her husband Samuel Silverberg's business, the Linen Mart, 827 Market St. They closed the store and retired in 1984.


She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth.

Mr. Silverberg died in 1991. Mrs. Silverberg's first husband, Edward X. Cohen, died in 1968.

She is survived by three sons, H. Ronald Cohen of Wilmington, D. Bruce Cohen of Raleigh, N.C., and Howard A. Cohen of Middletown; a stepson, Robert Silverberg of Washington, D.C.; a step-daughter, Marcia Lobman of New Orleans; a sister, Jackie Edlavitch of Washington, D.C.; a grandchild and three stepgrandchildren.

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Clinton Names Breyer—
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"He is somebody who knows how to bring people together. He is a master at achieving consensus and using his intellect in a subtle and constructive way."

Should Breyer join Ginsburg on the bench, it would not be the first time there were two Jewish justices serving concurrently.

This occurred with Justices Louis Brandeis, who served from 1916 to 1939, and Benjamin Cardozo, who served from 1932 to 1938.

Dershowitz could not say where Breyer stands on church-state cases, as he ruled on only one such case. But he said he is "convinced that he will be pro-choice" on the abortion issue and "generally favorable to civil rights."

"On the other hand," Dershowitz said, "I have no idea where he would stand on affirmative action or quotas."

"He is not somebody who is full of surprises," Dershowitz said. "You can read his opinion and understand where it came from."

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Castle Seeks Gun Ban or Registration For Public Housing Residents

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Delaware Congressman Michael N. Castle endorsed legislation to empower public housing residents to ban guns in their communities.

"After visiting public housing complexes in Wilmington and Dover and talking with residents, it is clear to me they want to take back their communities from out-of-state drug dealers, who pollute their communities with drugs, guns and violence," Castle said.

Castle is a cosponsor of H.R. 4062, which would allow residents of public housing authorities to hold a binding referendum to either ban guns or require the registration of guns or gun owners. If one of these options is approved, residents who violate the resident-approved standards could be evicted. Non-residents would be prohibited from bringing guns into public housing communities, and violators would face a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or imprisonment up to five years.

Passing On The Faith

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You should readily admit that you can't control who they date - you want to concede this point immediately. Confess that if you forbid them to date non-Jews they could (and probably would) sneak around you and do it anyway. Then, testify that you do not want to encourage dishonesty in your family.

Then reach your big conclusion and say (really dramatically), "I won't forbid you. I'll just tell you what I hope for you - that you will date and marry good Jewish women. And, because that is important to me, I will support it every time you do. I will pay you [let's say] \$10 every time you date a Jew - and let you use my car - as a reward for doing something I think is important. You can date any non-Jew you choose, but it will make me unhappy, and you'll have to walk and pay all of your own way."

Done early, this probably will start out as a family joke that conveys a powerful family value. Actually implemented, it will be a powerful statement of what you hope for the present and the future. And, practiced with consistency, it will have a profound influence.

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The child may next yell, "You are trying to control me." With confidence, you can answer, "No, I'm just trying to manipulate you. You can still do what you want."

Then, no matter which of the big three final spewings of fury your child chooses, you can end the conversation: "You still have your free will; you can still make any choices you want. I've made my choices, too, and that's to reward things that lead to the survival of the Jewish people - something that is very important to me."

While this conversation is sure to end in an angry child walking out of the room and slamming some door, it is not the end of your family - and you can smile, knowing that it also is not the end of the Jewish people, either.

"40 Things You Can Do To Save The Jewish People" (\$16.95 in softcover) is available from Alef Design Group, 4423 Fruitland Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90058.

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Delaware Museum Seeks Objects For Exhibit

The Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village's upcoming exhibit "Coming to Delaware: The Amish, Jewish and Italian Farm Communities" is scheduled for June 1, 1994 through August 1, 1995.

The exhibit will focus specifically on people who were placed on West

Kent County, Delaware farms by the Jewish Agricultural Society during the first quarter of the 20th century. They are creating a scene of a typical kitchen-parlor of a Jewish farm family, ca. 1915-1925. They need to borrow ethnic-related artifacts to help tell about the important contributions Jewish farmers made to farming and farmlife in Delaware. Artifacts must date to no later than 1925.

Anyone interested in sharing their Judaica objects, period photographs, or their stories should call Mary Kopco at 302/734-1618.

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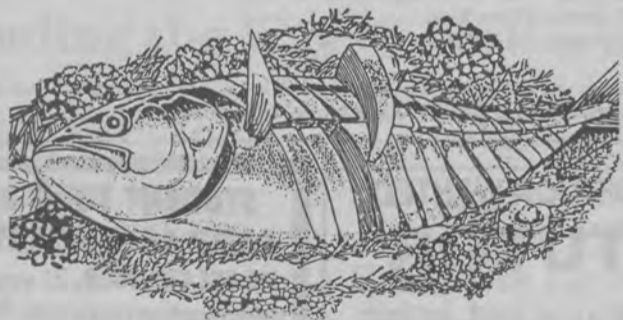
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